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1. SPECIALIZED DEA TRAINING OF PHILIPPINE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS BOTH IN THE PHILIPPINES (JULY 1972, OCTOBER 1973 AND NOVEMBER 1974) AND AT THE NTI IN WASHINGTON (1973 AND 1974) HAS BEEN OF DIRECT AND OUTSTANDING BENEFIT TO DEA OPERATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE PHILIPPINES.

2. USING A CADRE OF INSTRUCORS TRAINED BY NTI/DEA (THEN BNDD) IN MID-1972, THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY BEGAN ITS OWN SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TRAINING IN JANUARY 1973. TO DATE IN EIGHT CLASSES OVER 600 PHILIPPINE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS FROM 47 POLICE DEPARTMENT NATIONWIDE, NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, DANGEROUS DRUGS BOARD, CONSTABULARY ANTI-NARCOTICS UNIT, ANTI-SMUGGLING ACTION CENTER, BUREAU OF CUSTOMS, IMMIGRATION SERVICE, FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION, BUREAU OF POSTS, ARMY PROVOST MARSHAL DIVISION, AND UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES SECURITY DIVISION HAVE BEEN TRAINED BY A STAFF COMPOSED ENTIRELY OF GRADUATES FROM DEA/NTI COURSES. THIS SPECIALIZED TRAINING IS NOW BEING EXTENDED TO EACH OF THE EIGHT REGIONAL ACADEMIES. AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS TRAINING ASSISTANCE, THE ANTI-NARCOTICS CAPABILITIES OF THE PHILIPPINES HAS BEEN UP-
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GRADED CONSIDERABLY. WE BELIEVE THAT THROUGH THIS TRAIN-

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ING EFFORT, A TRIP-WIRE EFFECT IS BEING CREATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY ENABLING EARLY DETECTION BY TRAINED AGENTS OF ANY ATTEMPT TO UTILIZE THE PHILIPPINES FOR LARGE-SCALE NARCOTICS SMUGGLING AND/OR TRANSSHIPMENT TO THE U.S.

3. SPECIALIZED COMPLIANCE TRAINING PROVIDED BY NTI IN THE PHILIPPINES (OCTOBER 1973 AND NOVEMBER 1974) FOR OVER 100 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS HAS ENABLED THE GOP TO REINFORCE THE 42-MAN NARCOTICS DRUG DIVISION OF THE FDA WITH ABOUT 75 DEPUTIZED INSPECTORS FROM OTHER ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. IN RECENT MONTHS COORDINATED INVESTIGATIVE CAMPAIGNS HAVE CONCENTRATED ON THE SERIOUS LEAKAGE OF LEGAL DRUGS INTO THE ILLICIT MARKET FEEDING DRUG ABUSE AMONG THE YOUTH. PHARMACIES AND PHYSICIANS VIOLATING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN FINED AND/OR CLOSED. WITHOUT THE SPARK OF NTI TRAINING, THIS TYPE OF HIGHLY TECHNICAL INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT WOULD STILL BE IN PLANNING STAGES. THE NTI COURSE IN COMPLIANCE WORK IN NOVEMBER 1974 ALSO CONCENTRATED ON TRAINING A CADRE OF INSTRUCTORS FOR FUTURE CLASSES TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY AND THE FIRST GOP-RUN SCHOOL IN COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES WILL BEGIN IN SUMMER 1975.

4. THE DEA REGIONAL OFFICE HAS BEEN THE DIRECT BENEFICIARY OF HEIGHTENED PERFORMANCE ON THE PART OF THE PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES IN TERMS OF IMPROVED LIAISON, CLOSER WORKING RELATIONS, AND BETTER STATISTICAL DATA COLLECTION. IMPROVEMENT IN RECORD KEEPING, STATISTICAL PROCEDURES, AND EVIDENCE DOCUMENTATION IS DIRECTLY TRACEABLE TO SKILLS AND TECHNIQUES PROVIDED SELECTED PHILIPPINE OFFICERS IN NTI TRAINING COURSES.

5. A PRIMARY OBJECTIVE OF THE MRO IS TO ENCOURAGE AND ABET REGIONAL COOPERATION AND COORDINATION BETWEEN DRUG ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES. A MAJOR STEP IN THIS DIRECTION BEGAN IN 1974 WHEN THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE ACADEMY ACCEPTED PARTICIPANT TRAINEES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES IN THE REGION. TWO UNCLASSIFIED

INDONESIAN POLICE OFFICERS ATTENDED AN 8-WEEK TRAINING SCHOOL IN MID-1974 UNDER TUTELAGE OF PHILIPPINE INSTRUCTORS TRAINED BY NTI; TWO GUAMANIAN NARCOTICS OFFICERS ATTENDED THE 4-WEEK COMPLIANCE SCHOOL IN NOVEMBER 1974; AND FOUR THAI POLICE OFFICERS ARE SCHEDULED TO ENROLL IN THE 8-WEEK NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT COURSE IN MAY 1975. SULLIVAN

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